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It's official. Simple Dasara

'Jumboo Savari' only in Mysore Palace premises

- Chief Minister chairs Dasara-2020 High Power Committee Meeting in Bengaluru
- Only 5 jumbos to take part in festivities
- Rs. 10 crore grants to be released
- No Torchlight Parade, Yuva Dasara, Food Mela, Dasara Sports, Dasara Expo & other events
- Corona Warriors to inaugurate festivities atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 17
- Prominent Circles to be illuminated

Bengaluru, Sept.8 (KMS & SSV) - The Dasara High Power Committee meeting held here this morning under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has decided to celebrate Dasara-2020 in simple but according to tradition in view of COVID-19.

It may be mentioned here that *SOM* had published a news item about holding *Jumboo Savari* within Palace premises and cancellation of all cultural events in its issue dated August 26, 2020.

This year, Dasara will be held from October 17 to 26.

Talking to reporters after the meeting at Vidhana Soudha, the CM said the meeting decided not to celebrate 'Nada Habba' in a grand scale this year owing to Corona. However, it will be celebrated symbolically without allowing the gathering of crowd. This time, *Vijayadashami Day* procession *(Jumboo Savari)* is restricted within the Palace premises but public is not allowed. Only five elephants will participate in Dasara festivities.

Yediyurappa said the State Government will release Rs. 10 crore for holding festivities. The inauguration will be done symbolically by five Corona Warriors to be selected from Doctors, Nurses, ASHA workers, Pourakarmikas and Police, atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 17. Names of the warriors will be finalised at another meeting to be presided by District Minister S.T. Somashekar soon.

Giving complete details of the meeting, Tourism and Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi said *Gajapayana,* an event to welcome the Dasara jumbos, will be held symbolically in front of the Palace sans any crowd.

All festivities related to Chamundi Hill and the Palace will take place by maintaining social

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distancing. There will be illumination of only prominent Circles in the city. Cultural programmes will not take place anywhere in the city except the Palace premises, that too strictly following social distancing.

The Dasara Sports Torch will also be welcomed symbolically. Even the wrestling will be symbolic without any competition.

Ravi said there will be no Film Festival, Yuva Dasara, Raitha Dasara, Makkala Dasara, Poets Meet, Yoga Dasara, Heritage Walk, Hasyotsava, Heli-Ride, Kite Festival and other cultural and entertainment programmes due to COVID-19.

There will be no Dasara Exhibition this time to avoid concentration of people at one place.

Even the spectacular Torch Light Parade will not be held at Bannimantap Grounds.

At the meeting, suggestions came to show pre-recorded cultural programmes at Palace through giant screens and electronic media but no decision was taken. "We are yet to decide on bringing the additional Police force from other districts for security as they too are tied in Corona related duty in the last 5-6 months. Large posse of Police force is not required if Dasara is held in a simple manner," Ravi said.

The Minister said public will not be allowed to gather anywhere in city. This time, there will be no VIPs or VVIPs during the 10-day Dasara festivities. While the State Government has decided to release Rs. 10 crore for Dasara, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has come forward to release Rs. 5 crore. The last time Dasara was celebrated in a simple manner was in 2003 and after 17 years, now, he said.

3.54 lakh students enrolled for 1st to 10th std. in district: DDPI

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (PM&SSV)- As many as 3,54,891 students have taken admission for 1st standard to tenth standard in all Government, aided and private Schools in the district so far.

If admission to LKG and UKG is taken into account, the number of students who have enrolled in this academic year, is 3,59,333. While the admission process in private schools was started in June, it began in the Government institutions in August, according to sources.

There are 12 Karnataka Public Schools in the district of which four were in the city and outskirts. In Mysuru South, the Karnataka Public School is in Kuvempunagar. In Mysuru North, it is located in Rajendranagar and in Rural, it is working in Yelwal and Manchegowdana Koppal.

"Instruction has come from the State Government to complete the admission process before the end of this month. After that, we will know the total admission of students from first to tenth standard," Dr. Pandurangа, Deputy Director, Department of Public Instruction, Mysuru district, told *Star of Mysore*.

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	221
Total positive cases	:	22,301
Discharges yesterday	:	199
Total discharges	:	14,695
Deaths yesterday	:	9
Total deaths	:	512
Total active cases	:	7,094

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 8th September 2020

Government doctors threaten to strike work for wage revision

Bengaluru, Sept.8 - Seeking wage revision and fulfilment of other demands, the doctors attached to Health and Family Welfare Department have threatened to strike work if the Government does not act on their demands in a week.

Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA)President Dr. G.A. Srinivas said nearly 5,000 doctors are serving under the Health and Family Welfare Department in the State. The Association has placed its charter of demands, which chiefly included revision of wages, to the Government. But despite repeated pleas, the Government is yet to act on them, he said and warned of striking work if the Government fails to meet their demands. He further said that all COVID-19 and non-COVID treatment will be stopped and only emergency medical services will be attended to.

Noting that the Government had conceded the demands of Contract doctors and AYUSH doctors after they went on a strike, Dr. Srinivas said that KGMOA too had submitted a charter of demands to Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa and Health Minister B. Sriramulu. But the Government is yet to consider their just demands, he maintained. The doctors will stop all medical services stage-by-stage if the Government does not meet their demands within a time-frame, he warned.

Ph.D Awardees

Mysuru, Sept. 8- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in History to **D. Chidambara** for hisl thesis 'Hassana Jilleyalli Guruthisalpadada Hoysala Devaalayagalu' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Anjaneya.

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering Sciences to **N. Sharath Chandra** for his thesis 'An Empirical Study to Assess the Technological Capability of Aerospace Industry Cluster of Bangalore' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.L. Shekhar and Dr. N.V. Raghavendra.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TROTTING ON THE TERRACE: *For all these years, I have enjoyed a solitary presence on my terrace. However, the nationwide lockdown changed the scenario considerably. A few days into the lockdown, after being distraught with lack of mobility in life, I decided to venture out to the terrace during the evening. I was stuck by different activities on the terraces around me, which have been forever lifeless. People were talking across the terraces, perhaps forging new friendships or reinforcing the existing ones. In a time when most of the household conversations, news, discussions are centred around the virus and its potential impact, it's heartening to see people engage in numerous activities on their respective terraces. While the terraces of my housing society were brimming with life, the streets, in contrast, bore a deserted look. Who could have thought of such an upended spatial distribution of humans?*

— *Snehashish Mitra in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man spends 2.5 hours in ice cubes-filled box

Austria: An Austrian man beat his own record for the longest full body contact with ice cubes on Saturday.

Josef Koeberl managed to stay 2 hours, 30 minutes and 57 seconds inside a custom-made glass box filled up to his shoulders with ice cubes. More than 200 kilograms of ice cubes were needed to fill up the box, after Koeberl stepped inside wearing nothing but swim trunks.

A small crowd of people watched on as Koeberl beat his own record from 2019 by 30 minutes on the town square of Melk in Lower Austria. After being taken out of the ice box by helpers he said that the sun felt "really great" on his back.

Koeberl is planning to beat his own record one more time — next year in Los Angeles.

Man tries swatting fly, but blows up part of house

Dordogne: A man in France has accidentally blown up part of his house while trying to chase a fly with an electric swat.

The man, in his 80s, was eating his dinner on Friday evening when he became annoyed at a fly buzzing around him. He picked up the electronic fly swat and took aim at it, as he was unaware of a gas cylinder leaking at his home in the village of Parcoul-Chenaud in Dordogne.

A reaction occurred between the swat and the gas, causing an explosion and part of his kitchen to blow up. The blast also damaged a section of his roof and the house is currently uninhabitable.

The man somehow managed to escape the catastrophe with just a burn to his hand. His family are repairing the house while he resides at a local campsite. It is unknown what happened to the fly.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is buttermilk healthy?

Butter milk is a mixed bag. On the plus side, it's a probiotic, containing live cultures, like yogurt. It's protein packed: 1 cup of low-fat buttermilk contains 8G of protein and 12 G of carbs. It's also rich in phosphorus, riboflavin and potassium. The downside: 1 cup of buttermilk contains 466 MG of sodium and 2 G of fat.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	169
Total positive cases	:	6,945
Total discharges	:	4,651
Total deaths	:	72
Total active cases	:	2,222

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	20
Total positive cases	:	2,673
Total discharges	:	2,219
Total deaths	:	43
Total active cases	:	400

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	11
Total positive cases	:	1,713
Total discharges	:	1,347
Total deaths	:	23
Total active cases	:	343

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	128
Total positive cases	:	10,194
Total discharges	:	6,908
Total deaths	:	211
Total active cases	:	3,075

Really...?

- *Camels have humps because they were handy for ancient camel riders to hold on to.*
- *Camel humps are not filled with water.*
- *A hump is a camel's energy storage.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

The girl who writes her mobile number on the wall in the toilet should be jailed...

BECAUSE NOT A SINGLE NUMBER IS CORRECT!!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.51
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 96.51
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.01
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.77

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic Cops must shift checking points frequently

Sir,

It is noteworthy to see that our Traffic Cops are out of COVID duty and back on Mysuru roads conducting checks on the erring motorists.

But it is noticed that the Traffic Police personnel are stationed at the same locations under the jurisdiction of their respective Traffic Police Stations. This has resulted in hoodwinking the Traffic Police by the habitual and compulsive traffic rules violators.

Knowing very well the time and presence of the Traffic Cops at particular locations, these habitual traffic rules offenders deviate their route when they come close to the regular and fixed checking points. They either drive back on the wrong side inviting risks not only for themselves but for other motorists also or deviate to the nearest parallel road.

Since quite some time the Traffic Cops are stationed at the same locations. It is better if they keep changing their checking locations frequently to hoodwink the violators and apprehend them.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
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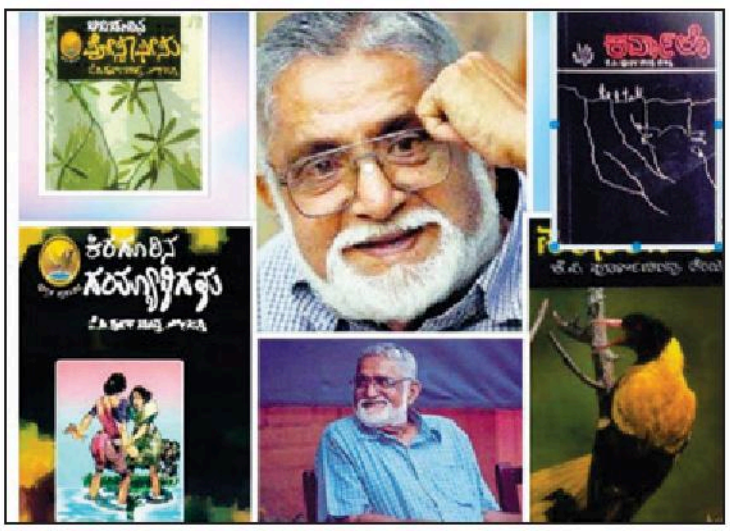
K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi's birth anniversary

Mysuru Akashavani to broadcast 'PooChanTe Nenapinali' series



Mysuru, Sept. 8- Commemorating K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi's birth anniversary celebrations, Mysuru Akashavani will be broadcasting 'PooChanTe Nenapinali' series from Sept. 8 to 14. The series include features on Tejaswi and plays based on his novels. It will be broadcast at Akashavani 100.6 FM, according to a press release from Mysuru Akashavani Assistant Director S.S. Umesh.

Schedule — Sept. 8 (11.15 am): Feature 'Tejaswi Katha Kaushala'; **Sept. 9 (11.15 am):** Play 'Sambalakke Sikkikonda Devva'; **Sept. 10 (11.15 am):** Play 'Kalappana Cobra'; **Sept. 11 (11.15 am):** Play 'Kirugoorina Gayyaligalu'; **Sept. 12 (11.15 am):** Play 'Godly' and 4 pm: Play 'Jugari Cross'; **Sept. 13 (3.40 pm):** Play 'Mayamruga'; **Sept. 14 (11.15 am):** Play 'Avantarada Sheenappa.'

'Belli Beragu: Mysuru Koduge'

Also, another series titled 'Belli Beragu - Mysuru Koduge' will be aired on every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 am and re-telecast on Wednesday and Friday at 5 pm. The series will introduce the Mysuru talents which worked for Cinema industry. Journalist Ganesh Amingad will be providing information.

Sri Krishna Janmashtami

Music and Dance at Alwar Kala Bhavan

Mysuru, Sept. 8- Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations with Music and Dance Programmes have been organised by Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Sri Krishna Ganasabha at Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple Complex in Gokulam 3rd Stage here from tomorrow (Sept. 9 to 13).

Sept. 9 - 9 am: Punyahavachana and Rakshabhandana; **5.30 pm:** Sri Janmashtami - Alankara and Puja.

Sept. 10 - 9.30 am: Sri Krishnashtami and Amruthakalashabhisheka; **12 noon:** Mahamangalarathi and Theertha Prasada Viniyoga; **8 pm:** Abhisheka & Phalapushpalankara.

Sept. 11 - 11 am: Sheshavahanotsava, Annakoototsava, Mahamangalarathi and Prasada distribution; **6 pm:** Godhuli Utsava - Prakarotsava.

Sept. 12 - 6.30 pm: Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Centenary Memorial Celebration - Music Concert (Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Compositions) by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar.

She will be accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy on violin and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga.

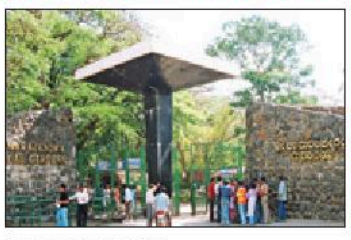
Sept. 13 - 6.30 pm: Dance recital by Namratha Satyanarayan and Party.

Zoo e-Youth Club activities for students from Oct.1

Enrol through online portal mysorezoo.info before Sept.18

Mysuru, Sept. 8- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) is organising e-Youth Club - 2020 activities for students aged between 12 and 18 years from Oct.1, 2020 to Jan. 31, 2021. Only 60 students will be selected on first-come-first-serve basis. Classes will be held only on Sundays between 11 am and 12.30 pm wherein students will get exposure to basics of biodiversity, values of wildlife, conservation of wildlife and captive management of wild animals at the Zoo.

Students can learn all these various aspects from their home. One can apply through online portal available on zoo website *(mysorezoo.info)* before Sept.18. Enrolment fee of Rs.500 has to be paid online to Mysore Zoo Account No: 1720-214-0000028. IFSC Code: SYNB0001720.



Filled application along with copies of required documents like photograph (stamp size), promoted marks card proof, blood group certificate, Aadhaar card and fee payment details should be sent to: *zoomysore@gmail.com* before Sept.18.

Fee collected will be used for welfare of Zoo animals. For details contact Ph: 0821-2520302 or 2440752; Mob: 96866-68099 during office hours. Details are also available in Mysuru Zoo website, according to a press release from the Executive Director of the Zoological Gardens.

Senior Civil Judge inaugurates National Nutrition Week

Mysuru, Sept.8 (RKB&SSV)- Senior Civil Judge and Member-Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), B. P. Devamaane has asked the women not to be superstitious and to develop interest towards scientific thinking.

He was speaking after inaugurating the National Nutrition Week organised jointly by Department of Women and Child Development and DLSA here yesterday at the Office of the Department Deputy Director.

The Judge said access to good education was enshrined in the Constitution. Besides, it has also given opportunity for top level officers and Ministers to become Prime Minister. "The Constitution has ensured equality in social, economic, education and political fields. Women are given equal opportunity in jobs too," he added.

Dr. R. Venkatesh, District Health and Family Welfare Officer, explained the kind of nutritious food to be given to children. The mothers must make a vow to give nutritious food free from worms to make their children healthy. Despite prevailing COVID situation, they need to shed fear and get back to work by maintaining social distancing.

K. Padma, Deputy Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Geethalakshmi, District Programme Officer, Dr. Ravi, RCH, Department of Health and Family Welfare, A.R. Madhusudhan, City Child Development Officer, Manjula V. Patil, Planning Officer, Rural Child Development, D.J. Mamatha, Child Development Planning Officer of K. R. Nagar, Dr. Sushma Appaiah, IDA Convener and Dr. Vanita Reddy, IDA Secretary, were present.

Metagalli Passport Kendra to function from tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (PM&SSV)- The Post Office Passport Seva Kendra at Metagalli in city will resume its activities from tomorrow.

This Kendra was closed after the Central Government had announced lockdown due to COVID-19 situation.

However, when the Kendra was about to re-open during unlock period, one of the verification officers tested Corona positive and got admitted to hospital for treatment. After securing permission from the higher-ups, the Kendra was closed as a precaution.

Now the Officer has fully recovered and the Kendra has got permission from the Regional Passport Kendra to start functioning from tomorrow.

Darshan, a verification officer said the sanitisation work is going on since the last two days. All precautionary measures are taken to open the centre from tomorrow, he added.

NEWS BRIEFS

CPC polytechnic admission

The Government-run CPC Polytechnic of the city has extended the last date for admission to three-year Technical Diploma courses to Sept. 16. Interested eligible SSLC passed students can apply online in the continued second round of admission till 5.30 pm on Sept. 16. Log on to http:/dtetech.karnataka.gov.in/kartechnical or https://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/ For details, call Ph: 0821-2441444.

International Webinar Series

JSS College of Physiotherapy has organised an International Webinar Series to observe the 105th Jayanti celebrations of Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji from Sept. 7 to 29. The webinar was inaugurated virtually this morning to commemorate World Physiotherapy Day celebrations. The International Webinar Series covers a wide range of topics from Pediatrics to Geriatrics and from ICU to communities with eminent speakers from eight countries and four continents. Students, physiotherapists, research scholars, and faculty worldwide will be attending virtually and streamed live through YouTube.

Coaching classes for competitive exams

Navodaya Foundation will be conducting online and offline coaching classes for Public Works Department (PWD) Assistant Engineer, Banking, First Division Assistant (FDA), Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) Exams on Sept.15. Interested candidates may register their names before Sept. 14 at the following address: # 195, 2nd Cross, D. Subbaiah Road, near Ramaswamy Circle, Chamaraja Mohalla. For details, contact Mob: 97418-69722 or 96860-72224.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.21 ft
Yesterday	124.24 ft
Inflow	4,519 cusecs
Outflow	4,794 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.99 ft
Inflow	4,642 cusecs
Outflow	2,125 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.42 ft
Inflow	955 cusecs
Outflow	1,275 cusecs

Post COVID-19 lockdown...

Indira Canteens in crisis

- Plates not washed using hot water as electric plugs need repair
- Food contractor alleges non-clearance of bills
- Demand comes down, one of the two centralised kitchens shut

The drainage slab on the path to Indira Canteen on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Kalyanagiri has come apart, thus posing a hurdle to people who visit the canteen.

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (RKB&DM)- The Indira Canteens, which were set up by the previous Siddharamaiah-led Congress Government in early 2018 in the city as part of its 'Hunger-free State' project, aimed at providing food to the poor at a lower price, are now facing a deep existential crisis.

Currently, there are 11 Indira Canteens in city. Although all Hotels and Restaurants remained shut in the city during COVID-19 induced lockdown, most Indira Canteens remained opened in the city in order to serve food to the poor.

Post lockdown relaxations, *Star of Mysore* carried out a reality check to find out the functioning of the Canteens, during which it was discovered that the quality of food served was poor. Also, many Canteens are lacking in hygiene and cleanliness.

This apart, most of the Canteens have failed to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines such as wearing of face mask, use of hand sanitisers /soaps and thermal screening. Several Canteens were found wanting water and soaps used for handwash.

Most Canteens do not have hot water to be used for cleaning of vessels and utensils, although there is a rule that all used food plates must be cleaned in hot water.

The Indira Canteens on Jodi Tenginamara Road in Bannimantap, Rajkumar Road in Kalyanagiri and at CADA premises on Sayyaji Rao Road and Alanahalli, were found not using hot water for cleaning of vessels.

Most Canteens lack proper maintenance and as an example, electrical switch boards in several of them have come apart, thus cutting off the hot water line. Also, the drainage slab on the path to Indira Canteen on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Kalyanagiri has come apart, thus posing a hurdle to people who visit the canteen.

Apart from all these shortcomings, all Canteens are facing a financial crisis too as the Contractor who supplies food to the Canteens has not been paid bills by the Government for the past six months.

Channabasappa Reddy, a supervisor at an Indira Canteen in the city told *SOM* that the Canteens are finding it very difficult to run due to non-payment of bills in the past four months.

Dismissing complaints of poor quality of food, he said that despite the constraints, the Indira Canteens have maintained both quantity and quality of food served to the people. The Canteens are eagerly awaiting release of funds by the Government, he added.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the number of people visiting the Canteens for food has come down by half post lockdown relaxations. Earlier, these Canteens which used to record a footfall of 15,000 to 16,000 people a day, are now witnessing just about 8,000 people, which means only half of what it was in the pre-lockdown days.

With the demand coming down, one of the two centralised kitchens has shut down recently. The centralised kitchen located near the PKTB Sanatorium has been shut down, while the only other centralised kitchen at Alanahalli is catering to the requirements of all the 11 Indira Canteens in city.

Police operation against drug peddlers

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (KS)- Following revelations related to drug mafia in Bengaluru, city Police on Sunday, conducted a special operation against drug peddlers in the city.

Following instructions from City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, a Special Police Team comprising 90 Police personnel, led by City Crime Branch (CCB) Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Mariyappa and supervised by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, raided suspected ganja peddling places in Narasimharaja (NR), Mandi Mohalla, Udayagiri and Alanahalli Police limits besides raiding the houses of suspects and habitual drug peddlers arrested in the past.

However, no narcotic substances were found during the raids. As the drug-related news are being telecast in media, some of the habbitual drug peddlers had already vacated their houses.

The Special Police Team included NR Inspector G. Shekar, Mandi Inspector Narayan Swamy, Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh, V.V. Puram Inspector L. Arun, Economic Offences and Drugs Prohibition Wing Inspector H.R. Vivekananda and Jagadish from CCB.

The City Police Commissioner has stated that such special operations would continue in city and has requested the public to call City Police Control Room on Ph: 100 or 0821-2418339 if they come across ganja and other narcotics being peddled, transported or stored, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Poor not getting BPL and

Antyodaya cards due to 'official' apathy

Mysuru, Sept.8 (MK&SSV)- Citing 'technical problems' and 'risk involved in collecting bio-metric details owing to COVID-19,' the application forms to obtain *Antyodaya* and Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards are not being entertained online in the last six months.

The citizens are questioning that while the Above Poverty Line (APL) cards were issued without any hassles why only restrictions for issuing the BPL cards?

The outbreak of Corona pandemic is posing one or the other problems to citizens. Poor people are tired of making attempts to submit filled-in application forms online as the application receiving process has stopped functioning for many months. Personal visit to the office concerned was not of any help as officers are hesitant to collect the bio-metric details from people citing 'COVID-19' situation. In the absence of those cards, the poor families are being denied monthly free ration.

According to information available, as many as 1,88,152 applications have been submitted for the BPL cards and 61,233 applications for the APL cards in the State. In Mysuru district, 9,176 persons have applied for BPL and 1,568 for APL cards. Applying online for these cards has been stopped since April to clear pending applications.

Accepting online application for the new *Antyodaya* and BPL cards has stopped since April. This has been brought to our notice and will be addressed soon. However, we are distributing 10 kg of rice to people without ration cards on the basis of Aadhaar card as per directions from the State Government owing to COVID-19 situation."

—P. Shivanna, Joint Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies

A resident of Alanahalli said bio-metric was compulsory not only for APL cards but also for *Antyodaya* and BPL cards. While the officials are ready to take bio-metric details from APL card applicants why are they preventing the applicants for other cards?

On an average, around 15-20 persons are applying for new ration cards. However, they have been told that the website was not opening to apply online only for *Antyodaya* and BPL cards. The ration card was a must to apply for loan from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation, Valmiki Development Corporation and other Development Corporations to start own business. But many of them are returning with disappointment as they are unable to apply for new ration cards, said an owner of a cyber centre in Saraswathipuram.

Drug case

Sandalwood actress

Sanjjanaa Galrani arrested

Bengaluru, Sept. 8- The Central Crime Branch (CCB) personnel, who are investigating into the alleged links between Sandalwood and drug mafia, have arrested actress Sanjjanaa Galrani this morning.

Sanjjanaa is the second actress after Ragini Dwivedi, who was arrested in the case that rocked Sandalwood on Sept.4.

Meanwhile, Ragini Dwivedi's Police custody has been extended for five more days and will be grilled by the CCB officials till Friday. Ragini was arrested on Sept. 4 after the CCB officials conducted a search in her house by taking permission from the Court.

Sanjjanaa was arrested at the end of a CCB raid at her Indiranagar residence here early this morning and has been taken to the CCB Office for interrogation.

Sanjjanaa Galrani

The name of Sanjjanaa was doing rounds ever since Rahul, a friend of Sanjjanaa was arrested in the case.

Meanwhile, the CCB Police are searching for one Sheikh Fazil, a close aide of Sanjjanaa, according to sources.

Debt-ridden man commits suicide

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (MK&KS)- A 45-year-old man, who had taken loans and unable to repay the same, has committed suicide by hanging self at his residence in Kuvempunagar Police limits.

The deceased is Yogananda, a resident of MCDCC Bank Colony, near Revenue Layout.

It is alleged that Yogananda, who had taken loans, was unable to repay the same and his wife too had reportedly applied for a divorce. Depressed and not knowing what to do, Yogananda is said to have taken the extreme step about three days back.

The suicide came to light when foul smell began to emanate from the house following which the neighbours informed the Police yesterday. A case has been registered at Kuvempunagar Police Station.

Doyen of Indian Radio Astronomy

Prof. Govind Swarup passes away

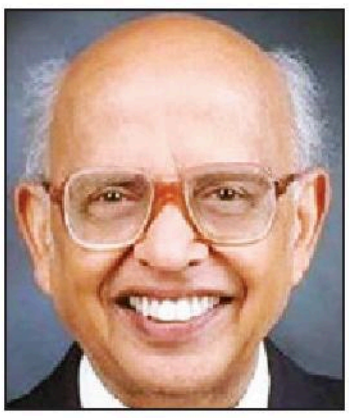
Pune, Sept. 8- Eminent Scientist, renowned astronomer and Radio-Astronomy pioneer Prof. Govind Swarup passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Pune. He was 91.

Widely acknowledged as the 'doyen of Indian Radio Astronomy,' he leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of students, relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Pune this morning.

Prof. Govind Swarup was known not only for his many important research contributions in several areas of Astronomy and Astrophysics, but was also known for his outstanding achievements in building ingenious, innovative and powerful observational facilities for frontline research in radio astronomy.

He was the key Scientist behind the concept, design and installation of the Ooty Radio Telescope and the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) near Pune. Under his leadership, a strong group in Radio Astrophysics was built at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, considered as one of the best in the world.



Prof. Govind Swarup

He was honoured by the Indian Government with the *Padma Shri* in 1973. His other honours and prizes include the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize in 1972 and the Grote Reber Medal in 2007. He was a fellow of many distinguished academies, notably as a Fellow of the Royal Society of London, the Royal Astronomical Society, London, and had served as the President of Astronomical Society of India during 1975-77.

Mysore Astronomical Society has condoled the death of Prof. Govind Swarup.

Prison inmate dies of heart attack

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (RK&KS)- An inmate serving jail term at Mysuru Central Prisons has died of a heart attack yesterday. The deceased is Shivappa (55), a resident of Lalanakere in Mandya taluk. Accused in a murder case, he was convicted one-and-a-half years ago and was serving the jail term at Mysuru Prisons.

Yesterday afternoon, he complained of severe chest pain and the Prison staff rushed him to K.R. Hospital, where he breathed his last at about 3 pm yesterday. He leaves behind a son and a daughter.

The body was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to his family members today. A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station.

Gold chain snatched in Vidyaranyapuram

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (SBD&KS)- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain from a woman at Vidyaranyapuram last evening.

The victim is Gowramma, a resident of Vidyaranyapuram. According to Police, Gowramma, in her complaint, has stated that she had been to her friend's house and while she was on her way back, four persons on two bikes were following her and later snatched her 30 grams gold chain and sped away.

Vidyaranyapuram Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Obituary

Narasimhegowda

Mysuru, Sept. 8- Narasimhegowda (74), former Corporator and a resident of Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar), passed away last evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife Bhagyamma, also a former Corporator and former Vice-President of City Co-operative Bank, son Yoganarasimhegowda, daughter Sujyothi and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this noon.

R. Vijayakumar

R. Vijayakumar (67), a retired Forest Department Officer and a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Rajeshwari, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Gandhinagar Burial Grounds yesterday.

Kids, fitness enthusiasts happy as parks and playgrounds reopen

Kids enjoying bicycle rides at Niveditanagar Founder-President S.R. Subbarao Park on New Kantharaj Urs Road in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (LNY&KS)- Following the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) issuing an order to open all the parks and playgrounds with immediate effect in city yesterday, the young and the old, taking safety precaution by wearing face masks, thronged a few parks and playgrounds which were re-opened yesterday.

Though MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde has issued the re-opening order yesterday, only a few parks were open yesterday. Kukkarahalli Lake, the favourite for walkers and joggers, remained closed for the public. Sources said that the Lake would be re-opened only after clearing fallen trees and cleaning the walkway. Also, Javaregowda Park at Saraswathipuram and Sanjeevini Park (Happy Man Park) at Kuvempunagar remained closed yesterday.

With playgrounds also reopened, young sports enthusiasts thronged various playgrounds in city and played their favourite sports such as football, cricket, basket ball and other outdoor sports.

Picture shows women indulged in fitness training at the park, which re-opened yesterday.

Young basketball players seen during a practice session at the University Basket Ball Court, which re-opened yesterday.

Free Legal Aid Centre at Tahsildar Office

Inauguration on Sept. 10

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (RK&DM)- With an objective of providing legal assistance to the general public and the farming community in particular, the District legal Services Authority (DLSA) will be setting up a free Legal Aid Centre at the Tahsildar Office in Mini Vidhana Soudha at Nazarbad here.

Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane will inaugurate the Centre at 11 am on Sept. 10 in the presence of Tahsildar Rakshith.

The DLSA, acting on the direction of Karnataka Legal Services Authority, has set up the Legal Aid Centre to provide free legal advocacy to farmers and other members of the public on revenue matters and other such issues. An advocate will be made available at the Centre for providing free legal assistance.

Also, the establishment of the Legal Aid Centre will help in keeping middlemen at bay.

MCC begins measurement of floor area of Commercial Complexes

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (RK&DM)- With the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) receiving complaints against several owners of Commercial Complexes cheating the civic body by under mentioning the floor area to avoid high taxes in the Self-Assessment Scheme (SAS), the MCC authorities yesterday launched a drive to measure all commercial properties in the city.

Following a directive by the MCC Commissioner to plug the loopholes in the tax collection system, all the nine MCC Zonal offices have chalked out a plan for augmenting resources.

On Monday, a team of officials led by MCC Zone-3 Zonal Officer Sathyamurthy, visited several Commercial Complexes on New Kantharaj Urs Road, at Sharadadevinagar and other areas and took physical measurement of the buildings in order to ascertain the actual floor area.

The officials set out on the 'measurement drive' after issuing a notice one day before to owners of commercial buildings.

During the drive, it was discovered that some of the owners had mentioned a lesser floor area while a few others had given wrong information about the number of floors in the SAS form, in order to save taxes.

Following the discovery, the authorities collected the difference amount in taxes from the owners at the spot and issued receipts for the same. At the same time, they also renewed the lapsed trade licence to shop owners upon collecting the stipulated fee from them.

Assistant Revenue Officer Madhu, Revenue Inspector Mallikarjuna, Assistant Engineers (AEs) Anantha and Venkatesh, Junior Engineer (JE) Rajashri and other officials took part in the drive.

'Let a Pourakarmika inaugurate Dasara this time'

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (PM&SD)- Members of Akhila Karnataka Arunthathiyar Mahasabha staged a protest in front of the MCC office yesterday, demanding that the State Government get the Dasara celebrations inaugurated by a Pourakarmika this time.

Protestors also urged the administration to provide a separate 3 percent inner reservation for Pourakarmikas, as done in the neighbouring State Tamil Nadu.

Mahasabha State President R. Krishna, Hon. President Nagaraj, Gen. Secretary Ravannaiah, District President H. Dharmaraj and others were present.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP, Mayor, Legislators attend Dasara Meeting

Elected representatives and officials from Mysuru — Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Tasneem, Legislators Tanveer Sait, Sandesh Nagaraj, G.T. Devegowda, R. Dharmasena and S.A. Ramdas, MCC Commissioner Gurudutta Hegde, Deputy Commissioner B. Sharat, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and others — attended the Dasara-2020 High Power Committee meeting held at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru this morning. [See report on page 1]

Central team in Kodagu to assess flood damages

Madikeri, Sept.8 - Over a month after Kodagu was devastated by unprecedented floods caused by torrential rains for days together, a Central team visited the District today to assess the damage.

The team, which arrived at the Sainik School Helipad at Kudige near Kushalnagar this morning, was apprised by the District Administration on the havoc caused by floods. The team later visited Botlappa Paisari Landslide spot near Kadagadaalu, which was followed by an inspection of destroyed pepper farms near Cherangala, a visit to Gajagiri Hill range near Talacauvery, where five people including Talacauvery Temple Chief Priest Narayanachar lost their lives in a devastating landslide.

This was followed by an inspection of some of the damaged roads and bridges; making an assessment of loss of paddy and other crops destroyed by floods. The team, later in the day, will visit flood affected areas near Benguru.

The Central team comprised Joint Secretary of Union Home Ministry K.V. Pratap, Dr. Bhartendu Kumar Singh of Union Finance Ministry and the Union Government's K.S.D.M.A Commissioner Manoj Ranjan.

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy, SP Kshama Mishra, ZP CEO Bhanwar Singh Meena, Additional DC Dr. Sneha, DHO Dr. K. Mohan, DySPs Dinesh Kumar, Shailendra and Jayakumar, Tahsildars Govindaraju and Mahesh, Joint Director of Agriculture Shabana M. Shaikh, PWD AEE Shivaram and other officials were present during the inspection.

The Central team will stay for the night at Madikeri and leave Kodagu tomorrow morning after receiving detailed inputs on flood damages from District Officials, it is learnt.

3.54 lakh students enrolled for 1st to 10th std. in district: DDPI

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In regard to admission to PU courses, no information is available since the admission has started just now. There are 31 aided, 153 private and unaided and 75 government colleges in the district. The PU Board has so far not fixed last date for admission.

"A clear picture on the total admission to first PU courses in the district will be known only after last day of admission," G.R. Geetha, Deputy Director, Department of Pre-University Education.

MCC plans grandiose 'Mysuru Habba' in March 2021

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (RK&DM)- With the Government planning to organise a simple Dasara this year, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has planned to host 'Mysuru Habba', a ten-day grandiose event in March 2021 after the pandemic subsides.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* yesterday, Mayor Tasneem said that the *Mysuru Habba* will provide the much needed reboot for the growth of tourism in Mysuru region, which has been hard hit by the outbreak of COVID-19.

Maintaining that the *Habba* will be akin to Dasara cultural events, she said it will feature sports, cultural, entertainment and a host of other such activities.

Tasneem further said that she will discuss *Mysuru Habba*, release of Rs.25 crore for Dasara, payment of Rs.130 crore dues to MCC Contractors, installation of LED bulbs in street lights and other issues concerning the city, at the High Power Dasara meeting at Bengaluru.

MCC for simple Dasara

Meanwhile, the MCC, which held a meeting yesterday, too decided to celebrate Dasara in a simple and traditional manner. During the meeting, which was attended by heads of various Standing Committees, leaders of political parties and MCC officials, there was a general opinion that Dasara should be celebrated in a simple manner.

MCC Commissioner Gurudattaa Hegde and others were present at the meeting.

Ahead of Assembly session...

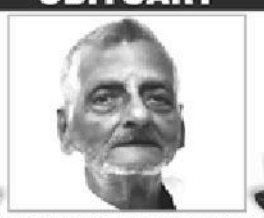
CM holds meeting with Cabinet colleagues

Bengaluru, Sept.8- Ahead of the State Legislature session that is scheduled to take place from Sept.21 to 30, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa reportedly held a meeting with his Cabinet colleagues on Monday.

With the main Opposition Congress likely to go all out against the Government during the session, the CM is said to have discussed strategies to take on Congress as well as JD(S).

Congress is all set to corner the Government for passing key ordinances relating to amendments to APMC, Land Reforms and Labour Acts without discussing the issues in the Legislative Assembly. With both Congress and JD(S) gearing up for taking on the Govt. on a host of issues including alleged medical equipment purchase scam, improper handling of COVID-19 and alleged failure in flood relief measures, the CM is learnt to have finalised the strategy for countering the Opposition charges and allegations.

OBITUARY



Mr. T.S. VENKATAKRISHNAN (98 Years)
Resident of Cauvery Apartment, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysore, passed away peacefully at Chennai on 4th September.
—Family Members & Friends

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All the lying they have done

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

A few days ago, for the first time in my eventful life, I felt jealous of the Americans. I was watching a press conference with President Trump facing his usual crowd of White House correspondents. One of them, with no dramatics, leaned back on his chair and asked matter-of-factly: "Do you regret all the lying you have done to the American people?"

Just like that. Direct and to the point. Trump was taken aback by the sheer effrontery of the question. Not believing what he heard, he asked for a repeat and the reporter put it as plain as before: Any regret for all the lying of the past? Trump was now sure of the question and the sting in it. He did not try to answer. He moved on to the next question.

Now you see why I felt jealous of America. I can't imagine anyone asking the Prime Minister of my country whether he regrets "all the lying he has done." Anyway our Prime Minister never calls a press conference. The farthest he goes is conversation with a hand-picked press person. What was described as a press conference was held in 2019 with him just sitting at a table, leaving it to his faithful Home Minister to field the questions. As far as Modiji is concerned, his radio monologue *Mann Ki Baat* is the best press conference. It is a press conference without the press.

Clearly our Prime Minister knows what is the most effective way to project his persona and thereby strengthen the country. The power of his personality has made India's Press so patriotic that the Prime Minister can face it with complete confidence. Even then Modiji is extra cautious and ensures that there is no occasion for anything untoward to happen. After all, it was an Indian-American named Shirish Date, working for *Huffington Post*, who asked the question that stumped Trump. Which shows that if you have Indian blood in your veins, sudden boldness can suddenly break out. Better not to take chances. No press conference, period.

Once upon a time things were different. Jawaharlal Nehru was a star at every press conference he held. Often it was a free-for-all, with correspondents not formally accredited, diplomats and even interested locals attending. Nehru would hold them all spellbound. Not behind was A.B. Vajpayee with his easy-going style, his love of humour, his camaraderie. Modi is the first PM to see wisdom in avoiding the press. It shows how India has changed. Is it a change for the better? Or is it a change that points to a lack of self-confidence in the top leader?

A couple of times he held what he presented as a press conference. He would invite a couple of unknown journalists to his chamber and let them ask pre-arranged questions to which he would give pre-arranged answers. Sometimes the journalists would turn out to be so unjournalistic that they would ask questions like how the Prime Minister ate mangoes. Modiji must have finally grasped the ludicrousness of such shows. He is not hosting any more of them.

"Do you regret all the lying you have done to the American people?" Trump was taken aback by the sheer effrontery of the question. Not believing what he heard, he asked for a repeat and the reporter put it as plain as before. What the reporter asked Trump at his press conference will remain a "quotable quote" wherever Government-Press relations are discussed. It will be a marker in Media history and in the history of Democracy. But it won't make any difference to the Government-Press relations in India."

We must see this as part of the peculiar kind of democracy that has developed in our country. The organisation called *Reporters Without Borders* issues every year what it calls World Press Freedom Index. The 2020 rankings are led by Norway and Finland. India figures below countries like Thailand, Philippines and Afghanistan at rank 142 with an "abuse score" of 31.35. That is 142 out of 180 countries. The average Indian, subject to the traditional view that press freedom is basic in the country, may find some recorded facts difficult to believe. Example: 55 Indian Journalists Arrested, Booked, Threatened for Reporting on COVID - 19 *(The Wire);* Under Modi, India's Press is Not So Free Anymore *(New York Times). Reporters Without Borders* puts it bluntly when it says that India's low ranking is due to the Government "tightening its grip on the media and pressurising it to toe the Hindu nationalist Government's line."

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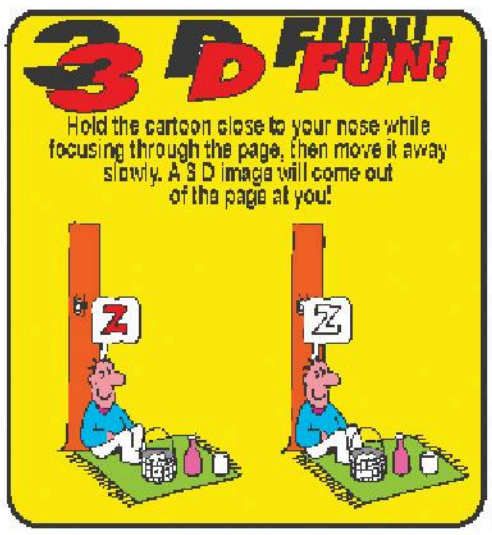
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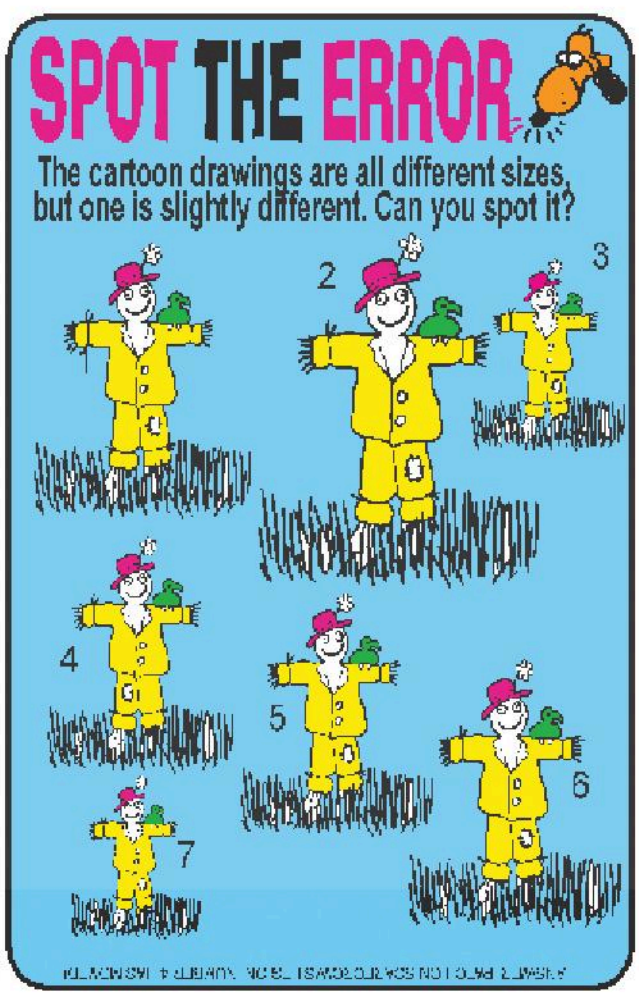

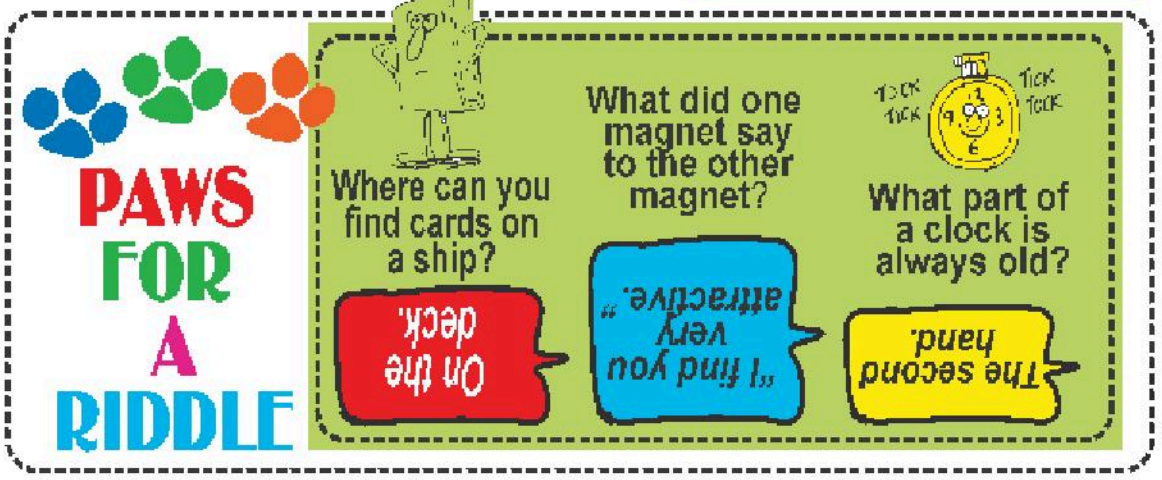
PAWS FOR A RIDDLE
Where can you find cards on a ship?
On the deck.
What did one magnet say to the other magnet?
"I find you very attractive."
What part of a clock is always old?
The second hand.
TICK TOCK

NEP to be implemented after clearing parents' doubts: PM Modi

Karnataka Governor, CM take part in inaugural session of Annual Governor's Conference

New Delhi, Sept. 8- The new National Education Policy (NEP) does not belong to one Government but the entire country and it should be implemented in letter and spirit irrespective of the Government in power, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

Calling for a wide-ranging discussion in the country on the NEP, Modi said the awareness amongst students, teachers and parents about the new education policy should be as comprehensive as the stakeholder consultation that led to the drafting of the policy itself. The key to NEP's success, he said, lies in stakeholder involvement.

"It is equally important that our awareness (about the NEP and its provisions) should be as deep and wide-ranging as the consultation process. It's important to discuss all the provisions and nitty-gritty of this document. It can only be implemented once all doubts and questions in people's minds are addressed," he said at the inaugural session of the Annual Governor's Conference hosted by Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"When we move towards change, it's natural for doubts and questions to arise in people's minds. Parents may wonder how the move to dissolve subject streams would affect their child's future. Teachers may want to know how the curriculum for such studies will be designed. Stakeholders could have questions about availability of adequate resources to meet the objectives of the NEP," he said, requesting all Governors present at the conference to hold virtual events till Sept. 25 in their respective States to improve the understanding of the policy among the stakeholders.

The Prime Minister credited the wide-ranging consultation undertaken by the Education Ministry in the drafting stages for the NEP's acceptance in the country. He further highlighted provisions of the NEP on exposure to vocations. He said that practical training or vocational training at a young age would help make India 'Atmanirbhar' (self-reliant).

"To make India 'Atmanirbhar', it is important for our youth to be skilled. Vocational exposure at a young age and practical learning will help them become employable and this will also increase our share in the global job market," he said. "The new National Education Policy also talks about tackling brain drain. If the world's best Universities come to India then students will not want to study abroad. Also, our Universities will become more competitive with the entry of foreign Universities," he added.

In Karnataka, Governor Vajubhai R. Vala, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, Bengaluru University Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.R. Venugopal and other senior officials from Department of Higher Education listened to the speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Minister suspects peddlers giving ice-cream laced with drugs to woo students

Suresh Kumar

Chamarajanagar, Sept. 8- Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar expressed his suspicion over peddlers distributing ice-cream laced with drugs to woo students studying in high-profile Schools and Colleges in the State.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday, the Minister said he has heard about miscreants distributing ice-cream, chocolate and other eatables laced with narcotics near the educational institutions to make students addicted to the banned substances. This is happening near those Schools where the children of rich parents study.

"We are not going to spare drug peddlers and will put them behind the bars," he said adding that the State Government was committed to putting an end to the menace of drugs by taking tough measures.

The question of politicising this issue does not arise. Based on information, the Narcotics Control Bureau sleuths conducted surprise raids at several places and arrested the drug peddlers. The Government has taken serious note of the drug mafia and issued strict instruction to the CCB sleuths to deal the issue with an iron hand. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Home Minister Basavaraja Bommai are daily monitoring the progress of the cases.

Admission process

Replying to a question, he said instruction had been given to all Government, aided, unaided and private educational institutions to complete the students' admission process before Sept. 30. The Managements of Schools were permitted to collect fees of only one term and to use the same towards payment of salary to teachers who were in difficulties due to non-receipt of salary since June this year. Action will be initiated if any School was found collecting excess fees from the parents, he added.

Ph.D Awardee

Mysuru, Sept. 8- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in English to Monbinder Kaur for her thesis "Voices and Choices: Redefining the Image of Widows in the Select Novels by Indian Women" submitted under the guidance of Dr. L. Devika Rani.

eSanjeevani OPD service launched in Mysuru

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (SD)-To fight the rising spread of Coronavirus in India, Union Health Ministry has launched first-of-its-kind online eSanjeevani OPD service for the benefit of patients all across the nation, which is now available in Mysuru too. Through this eSanjeevani National Teleconsultation Service application, everyone now can consult the medical officers on any ailment using their computer, laptop or mobile.

The service is a joint venture of the Health Department of the Central and State Governments and is free of cost.

To avail this service, one need to type 'e-Sanjeevani OPD' in Google, click on the 'e-Sanjeevani' platform *(esanjeevaniopd.in)* and then login using patient's name, gender, age, mobile number and address. By using the token number provided by the portal, a patient now can consult the medical expert online through video call.

This service is available to public from 10 am to 4 pm and to avail the service, a patient just needs to register his/her name for the first time.

Diploma courses at GTTC: Applications invited

Mysuru, Sept. 8 (SD)-Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), KRS Road, Mysuru, has invited applications from candidates who have passed SSLC, for Diploma course in Tool and Die Making and Diploma in Precision Manufacturing, recognised by AICTE, New Delhi.

Limited seats are available and candidates will be selected on first-come-first-serve basis.

Interested candidates are requested to contact the Centre along with their recent photograph, copies of SSLC marks card, caste and income certificate and email ID.

For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2582464 or Mob: 91416-29580, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Welkin

Pronunciation: WEL-kin.
Meaning: The vault of the sky : firmament; the celestial abode of God or the gods : heaven; the upper atmosphere.
Origin: When it comes to welkin, the sky's the limit. This heavenly word has been used in English to refer to the vault of the sky for centuries, and it derives from an Old English word meaning "cloud." In current English, welkin is still flying high, and it is often teamed with the verb ring to suggest a loud noise or an exuberant expression of emotion, as in "the welkin rang with the sound of the orchestra" or "her hearty laugh made the welkin ring." These contemporary phrases echo an older use—the original words of a carol that once began "Hark, how all the welkin ring," which we now know as "Hark! The herald angels sing."
Example: "If you stand in the trees you might see ... owls, vibrant red cardinals and goldfinches lift into the welkin." — Emily Clark

THE ODD WORD

Walm

To spout; to boil up.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wake-up call

Meaning: An event or something that occurs that alerts a person to a problem that needs fixing.

Origin: It's believed that the common phrase 'wake-up call' comes from hotels, or more specifically, an 'alarm clock' type service that hotels offer (though I don't know if this is a thing anymore). Let me elaborate: While staying at a hotel, people who wanted help waking up could make a request for a phone call to be sent their way in the morning. This essentially served the same purpose as an alarm clock. Some hotels, instead of calling the person, they would simply have a clerk go to the person's door. However, these days, with phones being as common as they are and the fact that it's super easy to set our own alarms, I'm not so sure how common this service is anymore. Anyways, the earliest recording that I could find of this particular service is from the 1930s. It looks like hotels were not the only ones to provide this 'wake-up call' service. The following example comes from The Sydney Morning Herald newspaper, 1933, where telephone subscribers could get a call at an hour of their choosing to help wake them up: "'WAKE UP' CALLS. Telephone Service Started. The Postal Department has Inaugurated a 'wake up' service for telephone subscribers; Up to the present 25 calls are made daily between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m., the subscriber being awakened by the persistent ringing of the telephone."

QUOTE BOX

If you ask me what I came to do in this world, I, an artist, will answer you: I am here to live out loud. **— Émile Zola**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Back to square one.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Place of duty
5 Idiotic persons
9 Labour assn.
12 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
13 A type of fully grown male deer
14 Pinch; bite
15 Fashion name: Christian ___
16 A collapsible tall hat for men (5,3)
18 Journalistic coup
20 South Indian dialect
21 Require
24 Faint-hearted
27 Stirred violently ?
31 Arab sleeveless garment
32 Our country, as a prefix
33 Black bird
34 Author __ Blyton
35 Edison initials
36 Quality of neatness and orderliness
8 Cleaned the floor
41 Object to or dislike
42 Small insect
44 Popular German name - "Sulak" anagram?
48 Cordial
52 Sea bird
53 Plague
54 Clothed
55 Hard drive technology in short
56 Man's formal neckwear?
57 Jekyll's alter ego
58 Short Take-Off and Landing

DOWN

1 Seal herds
2 Ear-related
3 Go away!
4 Major Canadian city
5 Exclamation of surprise
6 ___ Ki Khatir : "Just for you" in Hindi or Urdu?
7 Worry
8 Walk in a stiff pompous manner
9 Brutal
10 Debussy heroine
11 Choose or select
17 Three-time world heavy weight boxing champion
19 Seed of a legume
22 Change of Govt. : coup d'____
23 Jeans fabric
25 A wading bird
26 Papas or fathers
27 Islands - "its a" change?
28 Masticate
29 An obsession (4,4)
30 Khaled's song or local sister?
34 Without limit; infinite
37 Marking fluid
39 Public limited company in short
40 Tutor or educate
43 With competence
45 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
46 Biblical word
47 Close up
48 Appropriate
49 'Me' in French
50 A young boy
51 Dutch commune

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	B	A	■	A	T	O	P	■	M	O	A	B
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C	U	S	T	O	M	■	P	I	G	■	■	■
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R	O	T	I	■	S	T	A	N	D	O	U	T
E	A	R	L	■	S	C	A	T	■	O	N	O
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53			■	54				■	55			
56			■	57				■	58			

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VSWYCQCO QI SMUSYQSCAS.

SGSYKLPQCO SVIS QI NTIL QCHDYBWLQDC

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Of all the pulpits from which human voice is ever sent forth, there is none from which it reaches so far as from the grave.

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Overflowing manhole causing problems at Vijayanagar

Sewage water overflowing from a manhole is causing a lot of problems on the 80ft. Road at Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd phase since 20 days, allege residents. As the sewage water is getting stagnant on the road and roadsides, it is emanating foul smell and motorists especially two-wheeler riders are finding it difficult to move on this road. The residents and the public have urged the authorities concerned to get the clogged manhole cleaned at the earliest.

Dead bat emanating foul smell at Krishnamurthypuram

A bat, which was electrocuted is hanging on the overhead power cable at the 1st Main-3rd Cross junction at Krishnamurthypuram emanating stench since three days. Residents say that the entire environment on the road is spoiled due to the stench forcing residents to cover their nose even in houses. They have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the dead bat removed at the earliest.

World No. 1 Novak Djokovic disqualified from US Open

after hitting official with the ball in Round of 16

New York, Sept. 8- Novak Djokovic was sensationally disqualified from the US Open on Sunday after striking a lines official with a ball during his last-16 match.

The world number one went 5-6 down in the first set to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta when he hit a ball in the direction of the female official. It struck her in the throat and she could be heard gasping. Djokovic rushed over to check that she was okay and after a few minutes she got up and walked off the court. Following around ten minutes of discussions with the tournament referee, the umpire declared that Carreno Busta had won by default. Djokovic shook hands with Carreno Busta before leaving the court.

The Serbian star is one of only a handful of players to be disqualified from a men's singles tournament at a Grand Slam since John McEnroe was infamously tossed from the Australian Open in 1990.

Djokovic had been chasing an 18th Grand Slam title at the Billie Jean King US National Tennis Centre. He was hoping to close the gap on Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, both absent from the tournament, in the race for the all-time men's Slam singles title record. Djokovic is on 17, with Nadal on 19 and Federer on 20.

Serena Williams enters Quarterfinals

Serena Williams booked a place in the quarter-finals of the US Open on Monday with a hard-fought, three-set win over 15th seed Maria Sakkari.

Williams required 2-hour 28-minute to defeat the 25-year-old Greek player 6-3, 6-7 (6/8), 6-3 inside an empty Arthur Ashe Stadium at Flushing Meadows.

Williams, the tournament's third seed, will play either Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova or France's Alize Cornet, both of whom are unseeded, for a place in the semi-finals.

Williams is seeking a 24th Slam that would equal Margaret

Court's record for the most women's Grand Slam singles titles.

It has been more than three years since Williams won her 23rd Grand Slam title at the 2017 Australian Open — when she was already pregnant with daughter Olympia. The 38-year-old has come close since, reaching four major finals only to come away empty handed.

'Tokyo Olympics will take place with or without COVID'

John Coates

Tokyo, Sept. 8- Tokyo's postponed Olympics will go ahead next year regardless of the Coronavirus pandemic, International Olympic Committee (IOC) Vice-President John Coates told a news agency on Monday, saying they would be the "Games that conquered COVID."

The Olympics have never been cancelled outside of the world wars and Coates, speaking in a phone interview, was adamant that the Tokyo Games will start on their revised date.

"It will take place with or without COVID. The Games will start on July 23 next year," said Coates, who heads the IOC's Coordination Commission for the Tokyo Games.

"The Games were going to be, their theme, the Reconstruction Games after the devastation of the tsunami," he added, referring to a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan in 2011. "Now very much these will be the Games that conquered COVID, the light at the end of the tunnel."

In an historic decision, the 2020 Olympics were postponed because of the global march of the pandemic and they are now set to open on July 23, 2021.

But Japan's borders are still largely closed to foreign visitors and a vaccine is months or even years away, feeding speculation about whether the Games are feasible at all. Japanese officials have made clear they would not delay the Games a second time beyond 2021.

VIRTUAL EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 8)

Rangayana, Mysuru: 20-minute episode of digital theatre series *(Vaachikabhinaya)* of Kuvempu's 'Bommanahalliya Kindarijogi,' directed by B.V. Karanth and brought out by Rangayana, Mysuru, Rangayana website *(www.rangayana.org)*, YouTube *(www.youtube.com/channel/UCNWsSHhX-mZaMjiNzhZBWrCg)* and Facebook *(www.facebook.com/Rangayana/)*, **6.30 pm.**

VIRTUAL EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 9)

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